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Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee and/or To Whom It May Concern

We are the parents of Joshua Apodaca who was nineteen years of age when he was killed in Albuquerque, New Mexico in May of 2007. The Albuquerque Police Department conducted an investigation that did not result in any charges being brought against any offender. The absence of justice for our son does not bring us a sense of closure to allow us to grief the loss of our son.

We as parents, in an attempt to seek justice for our son, are being thwarted by issues with some laws and/or the absence of laws in New Mexico. We have come to your attention to present our concerns. For example:

- New information we expect to come to light about the killing of our son will come too late for the justice we seek because of the statute of lamination.
- The young men who arranged for our son to be put in the position where he was stabbed repeatedly, causing his death, did not seek immediate medical attention for Joshua, but put in him in their vehicle and drove around for a period of time long sufficient enough to cause him to loose enough blood resulting in organ failure which resulted in his death. We were given information by medical professional that the delay in medical attention causes Joshua to die. Isn't this negligent homicide?

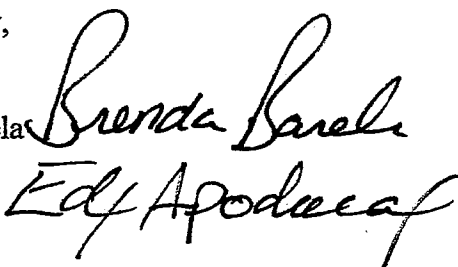
We support any and all efforts you are making to update, strengthen, enforce, and broaden the criminal statutes in New Medico. We come to you on behalf of our family and for all other families who are sadly in the same situation we are because of the issues with the criminal code. We also act so that no other families will have to suffer as we have.

In closing this letter, we ask from our hearts that Joshua's *Law* can be a name given to any part of changes in the law in our son's honor.

Respectfully,

Brenda Barela

Ed Apodaca

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature, for Brenda Barela, is written in a cursive script and is positioned above the printed name. The second signature, for Ed Apodaca, is also in cursive and is positioned below the first signature and above the printed name.

